

"When some good woman finally invents a time machine, my first desire is to become an invisible observer at a Saturday Heterodoxy meeting."

- Judith Schwartz

The scrapbook that dozens of women from Heterodoxy made for Marie is in the papers of Inez Haynes Gilmore, Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe Institute.



Marie Jenney Howe started Heterodoxy, a feminist discussion club, in 1912. They met at Polly Holladay's (cafe run by an anarchist woman) in Greenwich Village every two weeks for 30 years.

Heterodoxy

to

Marie

"women who did things and did them openly"



Dr. Marie Jenney Howe.

WHAT IS FEMINISM?

COME AND FIND OUT

FIRST FEMINIST MASS MEETING

at the PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE, Cooper Union
Tuesday Evening, February 17th, 1914, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

Subject: "WHAT FEMINISM MEANS TO ME."

Ten-Minute Speeches by

ROSE YOUNG	GEORGE CREEL
JESSE LYNCH WILLIAMS	MRS. FRANK COTHREN
HENRIETTA RODMAN	FLOYD DELL
GEORGE MIDDLETON	CRYSTAL EASTMAN BENEDICT
FRANCES PERKINS	EDWIN BJORKMAN
WILL IRWIN	MAX EASTMAN

Chairman, MARIE JENNEY HOWE.

SECOND FEMINIST MASS MEETING

at the PEOPLES' INSTITUTE, Cooper Union
Friday, February 20th, 1914, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

Subject: "BREAKING INTO THE HUMAN RACE"

The Right to Work — RHETA CHILDE DORR
The Right of the Mother to Her Profession — BEATRICE FORBES-ROBERTSON HALE
The Right to Her Convictions — MARY SHAW
The Right to Her Name — FOLA LA FOLLETTE
The Right to Organize — ROSE SCHNEIDERMAN
The Right to Ignore Fashion — NINA WILCOX PUTNAM
The Right to Specialize in Home Industries — CHARLOTTE PERKINS GILMAN.

Chairman, MARIE JENNEY HOWE.

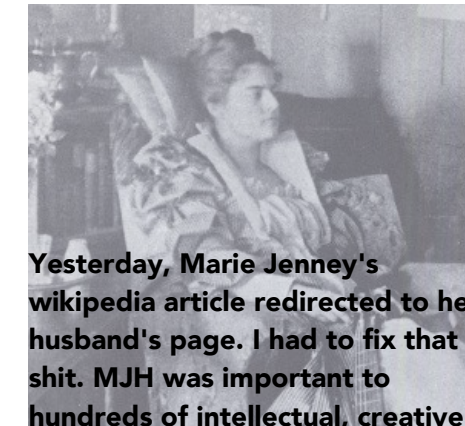
ADMISSION FREE. NO COLLECTION.

Where was I? O yes, Marie. How we have nagged her because she hasn't signed her name to a book, or a poem or a play or something. What does she do anyway? She has only a genius for friendship. She only throws her great motherheart open to us all.

"Heterodoxy to Marie"

Heterodoxy members and meetings were watched by the Secret Service. Marie Jenney was detained for questioning in 1918 or early 1919 because radical politics was associated with being anti-war. Heterodoxy members went to jail and were forced as they fought for suffrage. But they sent the back delegates from Chicago to the back of the march so the southern white women wouldn't quit politics. BOO.

marie at home



Yesterday, Marie Jenney's wikipedia article redirected to her husband's page. I had to fix that shit. MJH was important to hundreds of intellectual, creative women. They were a secret cabal. This zine is a protest against women's disappearance from history.

Liz Henry
Burn This Press
San Francisco
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1917. It's so fucking racist. It features noble white women in jail over suffrage with "comic relief" of two black drunk women talking in dialect. Massive disrespect...aimed at their sisters in the suffrage fight.

MJH and Paula Jakob! wrote "Telling the Truth in Washington" a suffrage propaganda play in both off-married and monogamous advocates, lesbian couples, and heterosexuals. The group included women of color, free-love control, revolutionary politics, and civil rights. Topics such as women's rights, pacifism, birth control, labor organizers and professional women who met twice a month to debate a gathering place for suffragettes, feminists, radicals, and heterosexuals.

"We're sick of being specialized to sex...We intend simply to be ourselves, not just out little female selves, but our whole, big, human selves" - MJH

** except not if you are a woman of color

How fucking bitterly disappointing is that.

Marie Jenney worked with Alice Paul on the 1914 March on Washington. They TRIED to make Ida B Wells stay in the back of the march. That didn't work; Ida pushed in to walk with the Illinois contingent. I don't know if the other 60 black women from Chicago marched in the back.

Next zine will be about the Alpha Suffrage Club and Ida B. Wells

"Today I received my first letter from a stranger in response to my book. She found her own self in George. Somehow when I was sitting here alone working, always tired, always depressed and full of doubts, I never realized that I was writing a sort of letter to a woman living in a hotel in Scranton, PA."--MJH